

Ans'd.
May 5th

Alexandria La April 7 1846.

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 18th Nov.
was duly received, also that of the 9th April
last, enclosing a letter of thanks from Presi-
dent Quincy,

Early in the season I collected
some roots, for the Botanic garden, but was
again unfortunate, owing to an error in
the management, most of the roots perished
too late to be replaced, Among them I have to
regret the loss of *Bigtovia undata*, *Acacia hirta*,
Marshallia angustifolia, *Justicia n. sp.*, *Silphium sas-*
Halea Lindoricana &c. It is probable I was ruined
by the winter vestiges, of this last named plant.
The root is stout and would probably grow
without difficulty, once planted in good con-
dition.

Three weeks ago I made an excur-
sion, through woods and prairies, for the purpose
of collecting what I could find, and by taking up
almost everything I came upon, succeeded in
filling a box, which at present contains a few things
you wanted, may be worth your attention.

Along with much that has been sent before,
and, which is probably of no value, you will find
several bulbs of *Eustoma*. It grows abundantly here,
in dry sandy soil, open pine woods. *Nemostyles*
calistina, - stiff clayey soil. *Cochlearia drummondii*,
- black stiff calcareous soil, hilly prairies. *Aletia aplyt-*
la, an abundant supply of roots, - shady woods, moderately
fertile soil. *Schizandra* several roots and a portion of
the wood - the last I forgot until I had nearly passed
through the woods, or I might have found a vine
of much larger size. Along with *Tradescantia Virginica*,
will be found a plant, I believe, considered
a mere variety, but which, cultivation may possibly
show to be a distinct species.

Last season I did but little, in the
way of collecting plants, the present, although I shall
be confined to circumscribed limits, I hope to do better.
If I can furnish you with any thing of interest from
this region, it will afford me much pleasure to
do so.

"Planta Lindheimeriana" My acknowledg-
edgments and thanks are due for this plant. It was
received, in course of mail.

The box of roots, sent into the hands
of a friend, going to New Orleans, who has just
informed me that he shipped it on board the
"Suffolk" bound for Boston directed "Dr Asa Gray,
Boston, Mass. Please let me hear from you at earliest
convenience, and believe me, Very truly
Asa Gray M.D.

Yrs J. Hale

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